

DIARY NOTES

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DD/S [REDACTED]

14 December 1961

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1. I talked to [REDACTED] about the study that Austin has made regarding the Executive Mess. The study was not very comprehensive and I have urged Jack to read it without delay so that we can make some decision as to which direction we would go if the Government Services Incorporated did take it over, which Austin has recommended. This decision should be made promptly, since GSI would want to make some alterations in the kitchen. Later in the day Jack telephoned to say that he concurred wholeheartedly in having GSI run this Mess and hoped that I would speak to Mr. McCone about it when I talked to him about other building matters tomorrow. H

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2. [REDACTED] was in to request permission to put unitized furniture in [REDACTED]. I reserved committal but telephoned Jim Garrison and asked that he make a study of the problems and the cost in conjunction with the DD/I Area and submit his recommendations to me soon.

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3. Yesterday, 13 December, I had a number of telephone calls at home having to do with the budget. These carried over into today and I had further conversations with [REDACTED] Frank Ecker, Elmer Staats, and Dick Bissell. The outcome of all these discussions was that the Bureau of the Budget has conceded to our prior \$10 million difference; however, they have whittled the [REDACTED] previously agreed upon for the restoration of the Reserve to [REDACTED] and also have made arrangements with the [REDACTED] to us for Project OX-CART this year, thereby making it unnecessary for us to withdraw this from the Reserve. Hence, there will be no new money requested to restore the Reserve; in addition, they have decided to put [REDACTED] in our budget because of the newly proposed single overseas communications activity. I advised Elmer Staats that this was all acceptable to us but ~~he~~ he was most concerned that we might have cut the Reserve too thin. We both recognized, however, that depending upon withdrawals for the remainder of this year this could fluctuate several million dollars. Elmer assured me that he would see that we entered Fiscal Year 1963 with [REDACTED] and that there were internal adjustments that he could make within the administration to ensure this. A brief recap of the situation is as follows:

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Less OXCART

Reduction

Add Communications

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Reserve: No replenishment will enter Fiscal Year 1963 with

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I have advised the Director that I "signed off" for the Agency on the foregoing basis.

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4. [REDACTED] was in to tell me a little about his conversation with Frank [REDACTED] when he was in [REDACTED] recently. This was just more of the same which I had heard from [REDACTED] recently. Apparently, Frank has been relegated to a very insignificant role, has no secretarial help of any kind, and is spending 75 per cent of his time wrapping and packaging documents. I want to take this up with Kirk because I believe that someone should go out promptly to look into this, etc.

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